

hear your responses. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See pages 448-49 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 178 advances. The cal' is raised. Go to LB 251.

CLERK: Mr. President, 251 was a bill introduced by Senator Robak. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11 of this year, at that time referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robak. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, LB 251 was introduced on behalf of the State Fire Marshal's Office and it is basically a housekeeping bill which makes several technical and clarifying changes to statutes regarding the responsibilities and duties to the State Fire Marshal's Office. Section 1 of the bill removes a reference to display fireworks license and Section 2 removes a definition of display fireworks license. According to the Fire Marshal, this particular type of license has never even been issued or never applied for. A different section of statute, 28-1246 licenses distributors of display fireworks and sellers of display fireworks have always chosen to license under this section. And as I have said, none have ever applied for the more restrictive, an essentially obsolete display license. Section 3 would allow the Fire Marshal to charge an additional fee of \$50 for retail fireworks application postmarked after June 10 of the year. This deadline and the fee that goes with it is necessary because the Fire Marshal's Office must process approximately 700 license applications in a period of just a few weeks prior to the July 4 fireworks season. Distributors rely on the Fire Marshal's retail list to be certain that customers are licensed and that the distributor may legally sell to them. The Fire Marshal believes this additional fee for late applications will keep late applications to a minimum and save on administrative costs. During the committee hearing this was one section of the bill where there were some questions. The question was whether the late \$50 fee is necessary and after further discussion with the Fire Marshal I agreed with him that this additional fee is necessary. As I have said, the Fire Marshall processes